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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE, BATTELLE, MEMORIAL INSTITUTE OF OHIO

REF: LETTERS PERCIVAL/FLATIN (EUR/CE) DECEMBER 28, 1973

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1. ABOVE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONCERNED PRELIMINARY INTEREST OF ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OHIO IN OBTAINING INFORMATION CONCERNING BATTELLE INSTITUTE'S SWISS AFFILIATE, GENEVA RESEARCH CENTER.

2. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT TWO MEMBERS OF OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STAFF TOGETHER WITH A LEGAL OFFICER OF THE INSTITUTE PLAN TO ARRIVE IN GENEVA TO MAKE INQUIRIES REGARDING OPERATION OF GENEVA RESEARCH. NEITHER THE FULL SCOPE OF THE INQUIRY NOR THE CAPACITY OF THE OFFICERS FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STAFF IS CLEAR. QUESTION HAS ARISEN WHETHER PERSONS INVOLVED MAY BE IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 271 OF THE SWISS PENAL CODE (INVESTIGATION BY FOREIGN OFFICIALS ON SWISS TERRITORY). GENEVA RESEARCH ATTORNEY IS CURRENTLY REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR VISIT FROM SWISS ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE IN BERN.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: INFORM OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE OF PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 271 AND PENDING ACTION. URGE THAT PERSONS INVOLVED NOT RPT NOT ENTER SWITZERLAND UNTIL THEY RECEIVE CONFIRMATION FROM THE GENEVA DIRECTOR (DR. HOGL) THAT AUTHORIZATION FOR THEIR VISIT HAS BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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OBTAINED. OFFICERS ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR SWITZERLAND

ON JUNE 7. THEY ARE: RICH FARRIN AND SAM BARILLE
OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STAFF AND PAUL SANTILLI, LEGAL
OFFICER OF BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE.
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